I Completer is do long & cannot read it over to correct is - so you must decephicitas)

I received your heart rending letter this afternoon and after recovering a little from the agony of my feelings sie down to Commence an answer this evening. Our Situation is one of unspeakable interest on the one hand you seem to feel that you are unworthy of me on the other I fear that the misfortune which a loorse thou munderer has I brought whom you, will be the cause of un happiness both to you and me I should our connection continue. Now what shall we do? a it is a momentous question. Shall it be decided now? Shall it be decided hastily in a moment? ban I say at once I must cease to love you because a we the has east a poisonous drug into our cup of happiness? band in a S snowers bid farewell to those bright dreams of happy happiness which I have danced before my mind? lan I forego the pleasure which I had hope Swould Sweeten all my future days arising from the reflection that I show The cup of affliction? Bh can I at once say farewell to S. A. the He dearest object of my heart? No I cannor - What leave you now that I have been your husband? Leave you have been your husband? Leave you faster all my promises? Le ave you after I hade qu'en you cause te lock forward to brighter prospects? Leave you now that you are less an orphan in this wretched world? Leave you when you have been look ing to me asy our protector and your constant never failing friend? To how can I clo it? It ow could I bean the thought of being looked supon by your friends as a the destroyer of your peace. They could I never Know the reason for my conduct - How then could I brising such à a stigma on my character y such a stain on the religion of lesus? II cannot then as you say is best break if aux connection now unless you Babsolutely insist upon it. "But I have a request to make of you which Is I will knew tion by and by - as I wish now to day some thing in reply to It your letter - You addies me thus - Dear of - If Nam permitted so to callyon 3 once more - once more yes always clear: Whether our connection continues or not always call me bear A - call me what I shall always be whether your I husband or not your dearest friend - you say my letter was bind te - It was sintegrated to be - It went from a warm to I enterpoled to be - It went from a warm hearts. You then accuse yourself Is of bringing unhappiness into my bosom - No it was not you but your des-I troyer that aid it - However do unagine my un happiness to be too great It arose not do much from a concern for myself as for your I arose from I a fear that after all my promises to you I might in Consequence of that I fact heave you more alone and friendless than when I first saw you. You then tell he to forget you - But I cannot - You wish me happiness to I Cannot doubt your sincerity. And then you day you have led me astray

But here also I must day you mistake - you altribute blame to yourself without Fedre Cause - Perhaps you did wrong in not tetting me your true Delivation at the first But do not say that you led me astray - That I have wandered far from my You and my duty I do not dery but most deeply lament - but your yes you swas not the cause of it If It we have done wrong in suffering our telves to become attached to each other the quels is not yours more than mine . So not then condemn yourself Id much. You mey P day you hope the time will soon come when you shall be a christian . 6 you do not hope for it Lyan do not pray for it I am sure suove sincerely than I do - This is a husiness of the first importance - Religion alone can support your senair the trials of ife - This alone can sweeten even your enjoyments . And ah this alone Can becure you are entrance into he when det me very to you then again give yourself no rest untit you can be as an humble while at the fool of The cross and be willing to be served by the blood of Christ alone and whiles Say this remember it as the best wish , the most carnest desire and the year-I ming of a soul more deeply interested for your for eternal as well as lemporal welfare than for that of any other mortal living. At what follows of your letter I could almost hope for you but I dave not - From it is possible for a person in deep affliction to retter such sentiments and slitt be an energy Lock. But have you indeed learned to be "Submissive"? can you moved Day ouder all your afflictions that you can never do too much for this author of your existence"? Can your say in the spirit of humble submission "all things work together for good - "all is for the best? O Sarah Aun look to this matter and see if you can feel that you have any reason to believe yourself a christian - I advise you if you can get them to read Pelquins Progress & spring's Essays - or if you cannot read the chapters in Paley's works on the goodness of the Deity and watch your feelings as you read and see if your affections Remolle Sup with love and admiration of his character? If it does see if you can look whom Christ with the same fielings and affections. And see what are your feelings when you contemplate your own character. fair next say be aduse you fear you shall not be qualified for the important station of a ministers wife "that we had better endraur connection now- not weit for some future Stime; now will be the time if ever! I do indeed think that now is the time if every bull do E. not mean by now the Same time that you do - I mean that now since I am acquainted with every thing connected with you now is the time to deliberate - I cannot come to a con - clusion in a moment - I have therefore a request to make - It is that you should I bemain in Dover until the first of may when our vacation commences. I shall I then come into those parts and I wish to she you - Converse with your freely Afrankly Consider the reasons for and against a seperation and weigh them well and weigh them too with you, before I can come to any fixed conclusion. In the me an time I will watch my fullings marrowly and see if before my affection in the least diminishes - I will make it a subject of for ayer - of deep investigation - of frequent thought - I will look at it in all its bearings and will thus with the Divine quidance be come to conclusion which I trust will be most for y aux happiness and mine. In the mean time believe me as truly agains as ever. I wish you to remain at Dover because I can have a much better topportunity for seeing your there than I could in Boston - You much not therefore remain and let us consider the matter together - If you will remain until then and 5 weeks longer I will be your company to Bootow - It's part is a past clever which

Hednesday evening March 19 - I have just returned from our weekly Conference - the dulyest Sequindend was mechness and forgiveness - I will now occupy a few moments in Jinishing this long epister I as little thought of receiving such a letter from you a few days since as you did of writing on it. I am much obliged to you for stating so freely your feelings on a subject which is to us one of the greatest importaince. For say you owe me much & then ask how you shall hepay me & then tell me to east you off . Sarah Ann It I have befriended your - If I have done any Thing to comfort you I have only done my duty - I have only discharged the office of a Sul eere friend - Does this lay you under such great obligations to me? The no - And if now after all your troubles I should add yet another by leaving you would you then our me any thing? Let what may come if I am the means of making you shappy here and here after I shall indeed look upon my acquain tance with you as one of the happiest events of my life; but even if this is the result it does not bay you under such mighty obligations - I have only following the dictates of a tender heart . I have only done my duty. - I could not, no I could not say, yes, to the question which followed . - I do to my books to keep them with y are I do not leave them with any one - I trust you have not given them to Thuks; as if we had already seperated - I did not wife a tear goutly falling as you sin a gived I should when I read the your letter - no they came in therents - I Scould but weep most bitterly - not for trysely but for you - lould I, the toy of see the smotion with your must have penned that letter without a correspondent - you know is one of sympathy - It feels for other's woes . es for its own . I I would now exhort you in conclusion not to give way to any melanchoo reflections on this subject - be calm - let us rest the event with God and if we lover seperate let it be not as those who shall never see each other again but as those who shall meet often as friends - as sincere friends though we should que up the idea of a closer union - There repeat to you again went have That I take a deep interest on your happiness - It lies near my heart - I love you and nothing shall keep me from doing all in any power to make you habity You know I am a friend a real friend and may beaven grant that I may never lose in the load my regard for you - I have lately received a letter from Mr Weeks in which he says "that son of Perdition" has a gain thrown out his sugin Dover titl them - which you must do. You may think Weeks sinfriendly to you - but I do think him a real friend to you die me bothe I have one more Suggestion - I know your proneness to melancholy - Therefore let every moment otherwise unoccupied, be spent in reading + I have true the very foresoription when I was in lollege snavy times and I always found it a remedy - go thou letter. I shall send the pampfletoff to Mecks and led him send them to you from 13 - if on the whole I think best. By the way there is a good per pelece in the pirit of the Pilgrims on the subject of revivals for you to read - see if you have experience thing of the kind. Write me soon very soon and tell me if you conclude to remain ash Dover I Write me your whole Soul - tell me how you feel tell me how from day to day I long to see you again. Yours sincerely & affectionately!

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Care of Barnabas It. Palmer 1.21.2.04 p Juana 28: 10 68-Prite me your feelings on the subject of religion also without reserve. I am not sure that I shall not in some way or other revote my life to the cause of the african - I do not think of ever going to africa - but I intend if possible to do not think of ever going to africa - but I intend if possible